

# IMPROVING WASTE AND RECYCLING SERVICES IN SUNDERLAND

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Recycling and waste management company, SITA UK, is preparing to submit a planning application to build a new waste transfer station on industrial land within the Jack Crawford House site at Hendon.

This land is currently used by Sunderland City Council as a storage area for highways materials and for parking highway maintenance vehicles.

## Invitation to a public drop-in session

We are holding a public drop-in session so local residents can find out more about this proposed development and speak to members of our planning team. By consulting at this stage, we hope to be able to take your views into account as much as possible before we submit a full planning application in July 2011.

**The drop-in session will be held between 2pm and 8pm on Tuesday 28 June 2011 at the Raich Carter Sports Centre, Commercial Road, Sunderland SR2 8PD.**

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## WHAT IS A WASTE TRANSFER STATION?

SITA UK operates 59 waste transfer stations across the UK.

These facilities are an essential part of any city's waste management infrastructure. They are not for the disposal of waste – they allow waste and recyclables to be transferred onto larger vehicles for disposal elsewhere. In this case, any recycled materials will be transported to reprocessing companies to be turned into new products and non-recycled waste would be transferred to a new energy-from-waste facility in Teesside, where it would be used to produce electricity.

The transfer station would help reduce the amount of road journeys for vehicles taking waste to Teesside, cutting exhaust emissions and saving on fuel.

## WHY DO WE NEED A WASTE TRANSFER STATION?

SITA UK has been contracted by the South Tyne and Wear Waste Management Partnership – which includes Gateshead, South Tyneside and Sunderland Councils – to develop and operate facilities that will help to increase recycling rates and reduce the amount of household waste that is sent to landfill every year.

Homes within the Partnership area generate around 355,000 tonnes of waste every year, of which around 30 per cent is currently recycled. The Partnership aims to increase recycling to 50 per cent by 2020. Councils must pay for every tonne of waste that is sent to landfill, and the cost of this is increasing every year due to increases in the cost of landfill tax. This means that recycling and landfill diversion are a priority, not just for the environment, but also to keep costs down. Developing facilities that can help achieve these targets is therefore one of the best ways the Partnership can address these issues.

## WHERE WILL THE WASTE COME FROM?

The waste transfer station would deal with up to 80,000 tonnes of waste each year, all of this would come from within Sunderland. It will be made up of household waste (i.e. what's left after recyclable materials have been removed) and business waste the council collects. All of this material would be transferred onto lorries and transported to SITA UK's energy-from-waste facility at Tees Valley.

This activity would take place inside a building designed with fast-acting doors and other systems that would control odours and noise.

The site would also sort around 2,000 tonnes of recyclable materials each year, including wood, plastic, metals, waste electrical products (such as TVs), tyres and glass bottles. These materials would also be transferred onto lorries for onward transportation to recycling companies.

## WHY HENDON?

The Hendon site at Jack Crawford House is ideal for this new development being close to main trunk roads and screened by other industrial buildings. It would bring investment to an existing industrial area.

### Some points at a glance:

- » Investment in developing a new, environmentally-friendly building that makes more effective use of industrial land.
- » New jobs created when the site is fully operational.
- » Specially designed systems to protect the environment by preventing noise, dust and odours.
- » Purpose built, modern building will ensure all activity takes place indoors.
- » Building work expected to take 13 months.
- » Lorries transporting waste away from the site will use the Southern radial route and A19, avoiding residential areas.



## WHAT WILL THE FACILITY LOOK LIKE?



*An artist's impression of the new waste transfer station*

## Further information

### COME ALONG TO THE PUBLIC DROP-IN SESSION

Find out more about this proposed development and speak to members of our planning team at the public drop-in session:

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### CONTACT US

If you have any questions about the proposed plans, please contact a member of the communications team at SITA UK on **01628 513100** or email **hendon@sita.co.uk**.

Information is also available online at **www.sita.co.uk/your-environment/our-plans**

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